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"If there is anything that cannot bear free thought, then let it crack."—Wendell Phillips.

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"Society can overlook murder, adultery, or swindling; it never forgives the preaching of a new gospel."—Frederic Harrison (English Philosopher, 1831).

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CURRENT HISTORY

THE SIFTON TOUCH

Clifford Sifton owns the Winnipeg Free Press. The Free Press is the voice of Clifford Sifton. No gramophone ever revealed its master with such clearness and fidelity and so when this paper speaks, we know with absolute certainty what its master thinks.

Clifford Sifton is a brother of Arthur Sifton. Arthur was taken into the Union Government for his own benefit, but especially for the benefit of his brother Clifford. Arthur Sifton is wealthy—very; but not so wealthy as his brother Clifford. Clifford, for reasons of "his own," changed from a Liberal to a Conservative—now also for reasons of "his own" or "his owned" he changes or causes to be changed (proper legal phraseology) the politics of his brother who becomes a Unionist Tory so that he may properly protect the rights, etc., of brother Clifford.

Now Clifford owns the Free Press. In it recently there appeared an article on Arthur. This should represent what his brother thinks of Arthur. It was written by an Alberta Journalist—a Liberal. There are only two who could write it for there are only two Liberals in Alberta, aside from Arthur's "kept crew," who think enough of him to write a eulogy of him even if he were dead. But authorship is nothing, let us examine what is said. Perhaps better still let us look at the photographic reproduction.

Arthur L. Sifton is the cold, calculating epitome of unparalleled selfishness. He is thin, dry, bold and bloodless. He does not look a man straight in the eyes—he keeps his vision on a line with the pocket. His lips are tight, thin and cold. His eye has a steely glare. His ears fit close to the head. The nostrils never dilate and he never laughs.

The Alberta Journalist says, Arthur is a great speaker. He is the poorest political speaker in the Province. As a matter of fact Liberal Candidates in Provincial elections do not want him near their constituencies. He loses votes in every constituency he goes near. Sifton gets along better in the House because "cold contempt" is his only weapon and you can freeze a Legislative Assembly but you cannot make headway by pouring that sort of stuff at an audience. For years the Calgary Liberals tried to get him to warm up at a meeting in that city. He always arrived late and left on an early train because Calgary did not vote right he did not give a tinkers' malediction for it. Finally at the last election he came. His speech was a frost. A big audience which would have listened to any decent speaker, and which gave a warm reception to the Editor of the Morning Albertan speaking on the same platform hooted the bloodless Premier in derision.

There was a reason the people were sore at Arthur Sifton, because they knew he had prepared to steal the election. Not from his policy, but from that cold brutal unlikeness, the soldier's vote was bound to go against him. To the warm bounding spirit of the boys at the Front, Arthur Sifton was as repugnant as a trench rat, and so Arthur decided to give the soldiers two representatives at large. In this way they could only elect two. But the soldier vote placed in scattered constituencies would have swamped him. That is the Siftonian Political way—win by cuteness when personality and decency fails.

Arthur is the Sphinx. Why is the Sphinx silent? Because the Sphinx has

nothing to say. If the Sphinx is silent the Sphinx may join a Conscriptorist cabinet, even if it does not believe in Conscriptorism. The Sphinx in this case has no convictions except the conviction of selfishness. Men who have strong convictions are seized by them and thrown into the arena to fight for the cause they love. It is not so in the case of Arthur. Here is a typical example of the Siftonian method: Once upon a time in the House, Dr. Blow, the member for Calgary, asked who were associated with McArthur in the building of some of these Northern railroads. Now McArthur has been drawing bonuses from the government to no end and it seemed a fair question. Sifton's answer was, "The Associates of Mr. McArthur are the associates of Mr. McArthur." A fine democratic spirit that for the leader of a democratic party.

The Alberta Journalist says that Sifton is not a corporation man. He is too selfish to work for another. He is his own Corporation and he has sufficient of the evils of the corporation spirit within his own corporate person to fill the bill. Also our Alberta friend claims that he is progressive. He is neither progressive nor Conservative. He is only Sifton. His brother was a Liberal and turned Tory. He turned because it suited him. Sifton chose to pose as a progressive. He had no convictions. Years ago in Calgary, a Free Trade League was formed and God knows it was needed. Chas. Stewart, the present Premier of Alberta joined—Dr. Clarke joined—these men had convictions, but Arthur replied that he did not care to associate definitely with the movement. Our friend the Alberta Journalist, says that he can pick holes in the Canadian banking system. That might not be a difficult task, but it is rather peculiar that Sifton should have wasted his time on an attack upon a subject with which the government of Alberta could not deal, while he ignored all the real questions at that time before the people. As a matter of fact Arthur's attack on the banking system picked no holes. It was a weak, tired picayune effort of a man who was hunting for something to say and simply said the easiest thing in sight. His criticism could have been easily answered by any foppish dandy on a bank ledger in a country bank. One thing says the writer—he taxed wild lands. Yes, but Arthur Sifton is not a follower of Henry George, as the Alberta Journalist would infer—Arthur's government needed the money—this way was the easy way. He walked in it.

Sifton is in the Government for his own interest and to defend the interests of his brother. Corporations and Privileges must be taxed with gentleness. The natural resources and the "wrested interests" of the Siftonian crew must be protected. Let us listen to the voice of the Free Press on the conscription of wealth and remember that the Free Press is the voice of Clifford and that Arthur is its echo.

The Free Press in a recent issue said:—"Incidentally the clear statement of the difference in regard to necessity for the conscription of men and the conscription of wealth should be noted. Men must be had. Wealth can be made to contribute its share to the war when and where convenient."

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have you a real regard for the sepulchre
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OUR BIRTHDAY

With this issue we enter into the
second year of our publication, after
having come through a year as event-
ful and interesting as any publication
ever had. It has been a fight every
minute and at no time peaceful or
restful. Had we so desired it could
not be, for our opponent never sleep
and we are condemned to continual
never ceasing activity to champion
the people's cause, to dig up truth
and pass it along, to win new ground
and defend ground won. And so it
will always be.

Many reforms strenuously advo-
cated have come to pass. Many
others will follow. We have set our-
selves to explain and convince. We
have attacked the forces of wealth
and monopoly and sought to rescue en-
terprise from the trammels of privilege
and preference. Commencing our
task without any stir, now hundreds
are joining and marching with us in
the people's movement. And such
a movement possesses a quickening
spirit which will ensure its living
on through good or evil days. It will
even turn stronger and brighter and
more useful in evil days than in good
--just like the harbor lights which
shine out across the waters in time
of storm flash a message of life for
those who toil on the rough waters..

There may be differences at times
as to how far, how fast, or in what
direction we are to move forward.
But all are agreed it is to go on and
not to go back, for we are summoned
to take part in the age-long warfare
between the forces of progress and
the forces of reaction--to a victory
that will mean the fall of unjust
privilege, the curbing of selfish in-
terests, the rise of the common good
and the letting free of generous and
humane ideas.

Our movement is toward a better
and fairer organization of society;
and our faith is strong that the time
will surely come--and come the sooner
for our efforts--when the dull grey
clouds under which thousands of our
countrymen are monotonously toiling
will break and melt, and vanish for-
ever in the sunshine of a new and
nobler age.

—J.H.F.

IN TIMES LIKE THESE?

Some educated people (sic) still think
that Socialism consists in "following a
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"There is no wealth but life. That country is the
richest which nourishes the greatest number of noble
and happy human beings."—Ruskin.

WHAT DOES THE UNION GOVERNMENT MEAN?

What is really meant by the Union Government? This is the question which needs an immediate answer, and the nature of the answer will determine the merits of the Union Government's plea for election.

There are two ideas of Union to which we heartily subscribe, i.e., the Union of Canada, and a political union which knows no party, but which stands for the administration of public business in the best interests of the nation. These are commendable ideas, and, withall, absolutely necessary in view of the trying times through which we are passing, and if this is what is meant, no candidate that is being supported by the Non-partisans will think of opposing it. But the facts of our current political history do not bear out these ideas. The Union government obviously does not mean a United Canada, and it does not stand for a business and democratic administration.

Canada has never been more divided since Confederation than it is at the present moment, and those who have engineered the Union government movement are responsible for it. The weakness and the autocracy of the retiring partisan government which adopted the Union idea as a means of retaining its power has brought Canada to the verge of civil war, as was predicted by Mr. R. B. Bennett, who found it necessary to retire in view of the unholy amalgamation.

Then, in relation to partyism,

there is no union spirit. The Tory spirit is not dead, but has wrapped itself up in a new garb. The Union government is a union of **Tory Liberals and Tory Conservatives**, who have joined hands under a new banner to serve their masters (the big interests) more efficiently.

What Canada needs is a union of her people to overwhelm this last daring scheme of a capitalistic class who have eyes for nothing but profits. Canada must be united, and partyism must be overthrown. But this can be accomplished only by voting for Non-partisan candidates such as stand in Bow River, McLeod, Victoria and East Calgary. A vote for these men will mean a vote for a United Canada and a democratic government.

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THE CANADIAN SOLDIERS AND THE LABOR CANDIDATES.

The inevitable position of every returned soldier will be in the ranks of the working class. We have no professional army in Canada. Our army came from the bench, the anvil, the plow and the desk; men of labor who flocked to the danger zone at the call of their country. When the war is over, these men who have braved the battle will have to return to peaceful employment; each one will have to seek a job from those who are privileged as captains of industry.

As things are now, the returned soldiers will have to pay for the war as well as fight. Instead of taking the enormous profits of exploiting industries and applying them immediately to our war debt our government intends to continue to allow profit-making. The government has compelled the soldiers to give their lives, and then will compel them and their children to pay.

If the soldiers are anxious to see Canada do her best in the war, as we believe they are, why should they be averse to see all natural resources and wealth put up to back the soldiers in the trenches? Canada can do her best, only when her whole economic strength has been thrown in.

For winning the war, for paying for the war, and for the times after the war, the labor party alone makes full and adequate provision, and as the soldiers are laborers, their logical position is now to support every labor candidate in the field. They have nothing to gain, neither for themselves nor for Canada, nor for the war by supporting a mock Union Government.

OFFICIAL ADVICE FROM THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE.

It is reported that the Duke of Devonshire, who speaks in the name of the King of Great Britain, undertook, the other day, to advise the people of the City of Edmonton how to vote in the forthcoming election. Evidently the Duke imagines that he has come into the back woods and is talking to people several hundred years behind the times, who do not know that these true, self-thinking subjects of the King are competent to govern themselves, and that the time is past beyond recollection or recall when the Sovereign can abrogate the rights of people. Englishmen long ago told the King of England to perform his official duties as king, but never again to meddle as a dictator. The people of Alberta are as loyal as any of the King's subjects and are capable of judging of the issues of this campaign. They need no advice from a landlord Duke or their respected Crown head.

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CHILDREN PARADE POVERTY

We understand that a button-of-merit-system has been introduced into our public schools in connection with the Victory Loan. The boy whose parents have subscribed, or if he himself has subscribed to the loan, is presented with a button to distinguish him as a hero as against the poor boy who could not afford a nickel-towards the Loan.

Is this necessary, or wise, or patriotic? Must we carry the idea of financial advantage into our schools? There are very few boys who would not be delighted to subscribe to the Victory Loan; the idea of wearing the button would in itself be an incentive to do so, while the additional flavor of patriotism would, together with the distinction implied in wearing the button, constitute an appeal which to most youths is irresistible.

This fact was recognized by those of the plutocratic mind who devised the diabolic scheme. But while we are cognizant of the money-raising virtues of this heartless move we deplore the suffering imposed upon the poor children, who are not only forced to parade their poverty, but who are also considered, in the minds of the favored children as unpatriotic.

CONSCRIPTION OF WEALTH

The government of the day refuses to conscript wealth necessary to prosecute the war so long as it can borrow. We urge the conscription of wealth necessary to successfully prosecute the war.

By declining to tax, we are creating a burden of taxation which our soldiers, returning from the front, will have to help to bear. These men ought to be called upon to pay for the cost of prosecuting the war. They will have done their share before they return.

A tax on unused land would have two beneficial results: (1) It will produce revenue. (2) In order to escape taxation, owners will be driven to cultivate the land, and thus stimulate production and help the country as a whole.

An income tax should not touch the man with a small income; he has difficulty enough in living now. A portion of large incomes should be conscripted to help along the war. Sir Thomas White predicted that this Income Tax Act would produce a revenue of \$20,000,000 a year. Under it a man with an income of \$100,000 will have to pay a tax of \$15,000. Why not increase the tax and require a man with an income of \$100,000.00 to pay a tax of \$75,000? Why not collect \$100,000,000 per annum from income taxes?

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When the Canadian Pacific Railway Company was granted its charter, its railway system was granted exemption from taxation forever, its lands were exempted for a period of twenty years after the issue of patent thereof by the Crown. That was several years ago, at a time when the present world war was not dreamt of. If this war is being fought for the defence of Canada, it is being fought largely for the C.P.R., as that Company comprises a very large part of Canada. It would only be fair and just to take away that tax exemption at the present time as a war measure, and to require that

company to contribute its share to the enormous cost of the war.

If you think the big interests of Canada should bear a share of the great world struggle, vote against the Union Government on the 17th day of December next. On the other hand, if you feel that the farmers and the working classes should do the fighting and the paying and big moneyed interests of Canada make bigger profits, vote Unionist. Take your choice, Mr. Reader?

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SACRED LIBERTY !

The self-styled "Knights of Liberty," of Tulsa, Okla., have a perverted conception of the meaning of the word, "Liberty." Recently 60 members of this order disguised by black robes and hoods, seized 17 members of the I. W. W. from a police patrol, stripped them to the waist, and, after flogging each one with cat-o'-nine tails until the blood ran, applied boiling hot tar and feathers.

There would have been little enough to admire about this act if the perpetrators had committed it openly each one ready to stand the consequences; but a cowardly and inhuman deed like this, committed in the name of liberty, is too despicable for words.

Those men who took the law into their own hands did not accord their victims even a "mock" trial, but blinded and prejudiced no doubt by press reports against the I. W. W. movement, descended to the most crude and primitive method of exacting vengeance. We have been prone to boast that this method of restraining or correcting individuals has long been discarded as a relic of barbarism, but although sometimes the brutal instincts break through the thin veneer of our civilization, we can take comfort from the fact that such incidents happen seldom now, and invariably raise a storm of public protest. The I. W. W. movement is only one of the many social phenomena which must be reckoned with as a factor in social evolution. It must be studied as a natural out-growth of certain industrial conditions, and cannot possibly be suppressed by brutal methods which have no appeal to reason or conscience and are directly opposed to all moral standards.

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MAGDA

The Non-Partizan Movement

THE CAMROSE FIGHT

(BY CARLOS)

That there is no difference between a Liberal and Conservative when it comes to fighting the farmer was clearly shown in the Camrose by-election, for upon James Miner's declaration that he would stand as an Independent Farmers' candidate, Smith and Leyton immediately became comrades and were in close consultation from the word "go." The word went forth that Miner must be eliminated at all costs, for he would wreck the parties, would set the good old Liberal and Conservative platforms pointing galley west, and the country would be ruined, etc., and then more, etc. And the seven men who run the rest of the Liberals in Camrose and the five of the Conservatives who direct what their hacks shall do in the voting line in the Camrose district worked together like one party against the farmers candidate. Which is as it should be, for it proves the Nonpartisan League case up to the hilt—that the two parties wiled together when it comes to supporting the big interests as against the people's representatives.

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Of course there were several crude reports going the rounds—roorbacks of the vilest description designed to stampe the elections into thinking that the Nonpartisan League was not loyal. One lady who hails from the Old Country, had the courage to get up and ask the candidate at the Bawlf meeting what was the method which the League would use to carry the war to a successful conclusion, and when it was stated that the League was out for the conscription of men and wealth, showing none any special privileges, commanding the whole resources of the nation for the purpose of winning the war, putting in force at once an efficient income tax, graduated to make the bacon barons, the railway magnates, the munition and food profiteers vomit up some of the wealth they had gorged out of the blood and brawn of the boys at the front, helping to pay for the running of the nation's fight now so that the descendants of the men who had fought in Flanders would not be saddled with the burden of war debt—the audience broke into a storm of applause, and the voting returns showed the feelings of that vicinity.

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It was a very funny thing to hear the comments of those who attended Mr. Smith's meetings. When in the country he was a red hot Lauriete, sticking by the good old Liberal party until the cows came home, talking about never letting the old flag fall and the iniquities of the Provincial Conservative party, but when he took his stand on the platforms in the towns he was a fusion candidate, a Unionist of the deepest dye, and he appealed to the townspeople to support him as a townsman who always had their interests at heart, despite his political leanings, and therefore if they wanted to have their best desires adequately carried out they should sink their differences of party affiliation and vote for him. And the majority of the townspeople, who live off the farmer and hate that gentleman accordingly, determined to give him one more swat in the eye, and voted for the Liberal—fusionist—good roads artist to a fare-you-well.

THE FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

The non-Partisan candidates have got away to a good start in the Federal campaign. In the Bow River riding, Hec Galbraith last week held enthusiastic meetings at Lomond, Travers, Enchant and Retlaw, while on Monday and Tuesday this week he addressed good audiences at Gleichen and Bassano. Working away to the north-eastern corner, Mr. Galbraith will be in Hanna and Drumheller next week, where his opponents reside. J. T. North, an old friend of the candidate, has so far rendered splendid assistance Wm. Irvine and H. W. Johnson also addressed good meetings in the Queens-town and Mossleigh district. The reception given to the propaganda of the League leaves no doubt as to the ultimate outcome of the fight in the riding.

Steve Marshall, assisted by H. A. McGlenning, has opened his campaign in the southern portion of the riding, and with James Weir, M.L.A., addressed fine meetings in the Pincher Creek district. Blairmore and Coleman is being visited returning to Macleod and district next week. The candidate will make a systematic tour of the riding.

J. W. Leedy who has been before the Victoria electorate for some time, has planned a further 22 meetings, and is commencing at Lougheed, Sedgewick and Killam this week. A strong local committee is rendering help, and Jas. Miner will give strong platform assistance. The candidate is an old campaigner, and, as there is a strong local movement towards independent political action, the outcome of the fight will likely prove more than interesting.

A great fight is expected in East Calgary, where Wm. Irvine's candidature is endorsed, and organizing help is being given in the country portion of the riding. Mr. Irvine is a fearless champion of the people, and will be, if elected, an able and aggressive representative at Ottawa.

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MINER'S CREDITABLE FIGHT

Jim Miner's fight in Camrose was interesting and a significant sign of what may be expected in the future. After only a week's campaign he succeeded in polling over 1,100 votes, which is a clear and convincing proof the farmer electorate will support an independent movement in the future.

It was surprising how quickly the big men of the government came to the rescue of Mr. Smith. The whole machine was there backed by Boyle, Garipey and Premier Stewart himself, and, under the circumstances, the showing Miner made was good.

Premier Stewart's attitude was strange in his speeches, it is farmers, farmers, first, last and all the time. Yet here was a farmer candidate who dared to stand as a protest against the political machine, and the first man in the province to definitely stand on the farmers' platform of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, and the Hon. Chas. gets out and does his best to get the people to vote against him.

At Camrose, in his speech, he promised civil service reform, and yet the Windsor Hotel was, during the campaign, practically full of political heelers, mostly in the employ of the provincial government.

Miner's fight was a creditable one, and must show to farmers the necessity of getting into their own movement and placing their own representatives on the

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S. T. Marshall

of Stavely

**Non-Partisan
Candidate**

for

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Wellsville, Monday Evening,
Nov. 26th
Monarch, Tuesday Afternoon,
Nov. 27th
Nobleford, Tuesday Evening,
Nov. 27th
Kennex, Wednesday Afternoon,
Nov. 28th
Granum, Wednesday Evening,
Nov. 28th
Priddis, Thursday Afternoon
Nov. 29th
Midnapore, Thursday Evening,
Nov. 29th
Davisburg, Friday Afternoon,
Nov. 30th
De Winton, Friday Evening,
Nov. 30th
Black Diamond, Saturday After-
noon, Dec. 1st
Aldersyde, Saturday Evening,
Dec. 1st
West of Cayley, Monday After-
noon, Dec. 3rd
Cayley, Monday Evening, Dec. 3
Gladys, Tuesday Afternoon,
Dec. 4th
Okotoks, Tuesday Evening,
Dec. 4th
Dinton, Wednesday Afternoon,
Dec. 5th
Blackie, Wednesday Evening,
Dec. 5th
Frankburg, Thursday Afternoon,
Dec. 6th
Brant, Thursday Evening, Dec. 6
West of High River, Friday After-
noon, Dec. 7th
High River, Friday Evening,
Dec. 7th
East of Nanton, Saturday After-
noon, Dec. 8th
Parkland, Saturday Evening,
Dec. 8th

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floor of the legislature to vote in their own interest without party ties of any kind.

H. W. J.

JAMES WEIR, M.L.A. takes issue with the Editor, Grain Growers Guide

Parkland, Alberta.
Editor, Grain Growers' Guide,
Winnipeg.

Sir:—

In your reply to my telegram from Swift Current, you express surprise that all the leaders of the U.F.A. have not endorsed the so-called Union Government. You may question whether or not I am one of the leaders in the U.F.A. The fact remains that I am opposed to the so-called Union Government and while I am not at liberty to speak for the others I know of no leader in the U.F.A. movement who is a supporter of it, and after careful enquiry I am fully convinced that the rank and file of the membership is overwhelmingly against it.

I am opposed to it first because it is the direct negative of everything that you have offered and I have accepted editorially up to and including October 3rd last. Will you do me the favor of reading your own editorial of that date on "The Fusion Movement," and then the one of October 17th on "The New Government" and tell me how you can harmonize the two and justify your present position.

No one knows better than you that no man can be a candidate for the Executive of the U.F.A. unless he publicly pledges himself to the Referendum. I am the 2nd Vice-President of that splendid body. Last January I publicly pledged my honor to uphold that principle.

The first of a series of resolutions that I have the proud satisfaction of having seen adopted at the Bow River Non-Partisan Convention, the Macleod Non-Partisan Convention, the Kindersley, Sask., Non-Partisan Convention, the Swift Current District Grain Growers' Convention with one slight change, and the Swift Current Liberal Convention, reads:—"We the members of _____ in convention assembled, hereby express our intention of bending every effort toward the winning of the present world war for Democracy, and to that end we are in favor of universal conscription; that is, natural resources, industries, men and women; and we further place ourselves on record as opposed to the principle of the conscription of men alone without a referendum to the people." We decline to discuss the question of the present conscriptive Military Service Act, because it is the law of the land and consequently not an issue, but we do pledge our utmost support to the Government (whatever government may be in power) in its every need.

You say it is a mystery to you why we oppose the Union Government in the face of our urgent demand for a National Government. Do you call the so-called Union Government a National Government? The first man chosen was Ballantyne, ex-President of the Manufacturers' Association, I submit to you not a very good start. A government, with one or two splendid exceptions, made up of corporation lawyers and practical politicians. Will you deny that at nearly every conference called to discuss its formation the moving spirits were Hon. Arthur Meighen, who opposed strenuously any investigation of the Allison charges and who has been the chief sponsor of MacKenzie and Mann, and Sir Clifford Sifton, who while not a Cabinet Minister was almost invariably present and the directing hand.

How can Hon. T. A. Crerar submit to be elected on the present franchise act, conceived as it was in the sin of desire

for office, and brought forth in the iniquity of the closure of a moribund government. Principles are bigger than men in my opinion, and nothing, not even the desire to win the world war, can justify men in casting aside their principles like a soiled glove to take office with the men who have violated every tenet for which our fathers fought and suffered and strove. As leaders, we of the U.F.A. have held before our people and our children certain ideals; the government of which Mr. Crerar is a member proposed to offset our efforts to attain those ideals through the ballot box by using the votes of thousands of men who never set foot on Canadian soil and placing them where they may best serve their selfish purposes. Could the German Emperor do more?

Is not Mr. Crerar's presence in the Government an attempt to justify the disfranchisement of that noble band of women who have upheld with love and devotion and work, as only women can, the boys in the trenches? And has not the U.F.A., year in and year out, affirmed and re-affirmed its demand for the extension of the franchise for women?

The new Government was to abolish patronage. Are the recent appointments of Messrs. Pugsley and Hazen an earnest of what may be expected in the future in that regard? The tariff must not be touched, but oleomargarine may; if the Government could place it on the free list, why not the farmers' plow and the toilers' winter underwear?

Where Mr. Crerar stultifies the whole farmer movement is in that his acceptance of the office creates the belief that he represents the view-point of the class in which he was an outstanding figure, and the inference that because the Government was good enough for him it must be worthy of the support of the class to which he belongs; and again his acceptance of office has created a hiatus in the ranks of the agrarian population that has set back the dial of their progress toward cohesion several years.

My grandfather was a veteran of 1812, my father was to the manner born in Canada I was born on the same farm. I have three baby boys. I realize the full responsibility of my action and no smoke cloud of patriotism whether under the nom de plume of "Win-the-War," or some other shall hide from me and mine the issues of the hour, and I am supporting with voice and pen only such men as you advised should be supported in your issue of October 3rd referred to above.

You say that "If the leaders of the Farmers' Movement in Alberta come out in favor of the Laurier party it is the farmers' leaders themselves who are stultifying the farmers' movement in Alberta." This is a mere begging the question and I must submit sounds very hollow and unusual when I have in mind its source. As an independent Non-Partisan farmer, pledged to the platform which you helped to frame, I have, to quote a recent phrase, only a languid interest in the party-jockeying that is still going on and nowhere more apparent than among the prominent supporters of your so-called Union Government.

You ask if I am in favor of the Laurier Party. Surely my views as expressed in this letter will satisfy you on that point. As a Non-Partisan I refuse longer to follow with blind fealty any party leader or to exalt to office any man or set of men whose self-adulation is their lone star in public life. The Farmers' Platform

The Non-Partisan League

D. H. Galbraith

of Vulcan

Non-Partisan Candidate

for

Bow River Federal Riding

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Craigville, Tuesday, 8 p.m.,
Nov. 27th
Hartshorn, Wednesday, 2 p.m.,
Nov. 28th
Delia, Wednesday, 8 p.m., Nov. 28
Meccheche, Thursday, 2 p.m.,
Nov. 29th
Munson, Thursday, 8 p.m.,
Nov. 29th
Morrin, Friday, 2 p.m., Nov. 30
Drumheller, Friday, 8 p.m.,
Nov. 30th.
Rockyford, Saturday, 8 p.m.,
Dec. 1st
Rowley, Monday, 2 p.m., Dec. 3
Rumsey, Monday, 8 p.m., Dec. 3
Gopher Head, Tuesday, 4 p.m.,
Dec. 4th
Scollard, Tuesday, 8 p.m., Dec. 4
Trochu, Wednesday, 8 p.m.,
Dec. 5th
Three Hills, Thursday, 8 p.m.,
Dec. 6th
Sarcee Butte, Friday, 4 p.m.,
Dec. 7th
Swalwell, Friday, 8 p.m., Dec. 7
Namaka, Saturday, 8 p.m., Dec. 8

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which you and I adopted in March last is wide enough and high enough to command the intellect and the energy of the ordinary man.

In closing may I be permitted to assure you that in looking back over the years I can recall the names of no other two men with whom I regret so deeply to disagree as with yourself and Mr. Crerar.

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

JAMES WEIR,
2nd Vice-President, U.F.A.,
Parkland, Alberta.

NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE IS A BIG ORGANIZATION AND A BIG FACTOR IN POLITICS IN THE STATES

Abstracts from Letters of C. W. McDonnell, North Dakota, to Aubrey McDonnell, Loughheed, Alberta.

"Townley stirred up the animals when he began advocating the listing of the dollars the same as the life of the young manhood of the nation. So many people think their lives, and the lives of others should be subject to the call of their country, (and it should be) but it is near treason to speak of conscription of money. One New York capitalist argues that it would be wrong to do this because the large capitalists would then not have so much to devote to charitable objects. Can you beat it?"

"The most lying reports that can be imagined have been circulated about Townley in this connection that can be imagined. He made a speech along this line in Jamestown, and the Fargo Forum, which was bought for \$10,000.00 to fight the League, accused him of treason, and advocated that if the officers of the law did not have nerve enough to arrest him, the citizens of Fargo should take the law into their own hands when he spoke there in a few days. About 4,000 farmers crowded into the auditorium when he spoke to see the citizens of Fargo do that, but to an ordinary observer, the Fargo people applauded about as often and as vigorously as the farmers. His Fargo speech was practically identical with that at Jamestown.

"The Non-Partisan League" is getting under the hides of the big interests in Minneapolis. If you ever see a copy of the Minneapolis Journal you will see that this is so. They accuse us of being traitors, seditionists, and about everything that a fertile brain and uneasy conscience can think of, but it is a poor week that we do not get 500 to 1,000 new members. All the old line press knocking is good advertising. People will read what outlaws we are, and make an extra effort to get to hear the speakers, and after that there is nothing to it but 'sign on the dotted line, please.' Thank you."

"You will note that we elected our Congressman in the First District. Was a delegate to the Convention that nominated him, though could not vote for him. We are in the Second District. Baer is a good man, and the first man to be elected to Congress by the farmers. Guess the Non-Partisan League has made some record—what? All state officers except one, the entire Supreme Court, 90 per cent. of the Legislature in the fall election, and at a special election our man for Congress by a good majority over the whole 7 Candidates opposing him. Some of the opposition papers are trying to belittle his victory by pointing out that the vote was light. The fact is that there was never as heavy a vote cast in a special election in the history of the State.

Organization work of the League, which has now become a national affair, is being carried on in eleven states. The record made here, makes comparatively easy work in the other States. In the next Presidential Election, the League will have to be reckoned with, and it will put a number of men in Washington in 1913 beyond a doubt."

I hereby certify that the above are correct copies of abstracts from letters of C. W. McDonnell, Kensal, North Dakota, to his brother Aubrey McDonnell, of Loughheed, Alberta.

—HELEN J. J. MILLAR.

The Kind of Shot and Shell They Fear



The crimes permitted by the Borden Administration furnishes ammunition for the artillery of the people.

The Government must be returned to the people if Canada is to be made safe for Democracy.

THE DEMANDS OF THE ALBERTA NON-PARTISAN RESOLUTIONS

The resolutions adopted by the Non-Partisan Conventions demand conscription of wealth and all national resources as well as men, denounced profiteering, asked for nationalization of all transportation, telephone and telegraph lines and steamship lines, payment of \$100 a month to soldiers, government insurance for soldiers, assurances by the government of protection against mortgages and taxes for soldiers' home, nationalization of banking and credit systems, and also of all industries organized on a national scale where competition has about ceased to exist, extension of the public domain to include all coal mines, water powers and forests, a federal direct legislation act including the recall, equal and unrestricted suffrage for both men and women, a graduated inheritance tax law, a graduated income tax law, abolition of

official charity and in its place the enactment of a national compulsory insurance law covering accident, illness, old age and death, free administration of justice, abolition of the Canadian senate, no court to be legally competent to declare as unconstitutional any act of the parliament of Canada.



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KEEP POLITICS CLEAN!!

All those who attended the Farmers' Nonpartisan Political Conventions for Bow Valley and Macleod Constituencies cannot help but feel well pleased with results. Not only was it a pleasure and encouragement on account of numbers but the very intelligence of the faces of to the heart of any one interested in political and social improvement as it affects farm life. The great obstacle encountered by workers along this line has been the difficulty to arouse farmers to a realization of his situation. If we farmers can be taught to employ our own intelligence in the solving of our economic problems no apprehension need be felt as to results. Our great fault has always been our readiness to delegate the solution of these problems to some one whose interests are frequently at variance with our own. Lack of interest cannot be assigned as the reason for our, seeming, antipathy towards these questions, but our attention is always so engrossed with pressure of other work that little energy is left for application in this direction. Another reason for neglecting this work, of such vital importance to our interests, has been the prevalent fallacy that only lawyers, doctors and politicians were able to properly represent the people in the law making bodies of our country. Those who attended our political conventions should have such persuasions for ever dispelled. The position that farmers are deficient in parliamentary ability is untenable in view of the able manner in which their own councils are conducted.

The democratic manner in which the conventions were conducted, could not help but appeal to those who have attended political gatherings of this nature, before, under the auspices of the old party organizations. Delegates were not urged to support either of the candidates and the old political cigar and refreshment liquid were nowhere in evidence. Every one was left to exercise his own judgment in selecting a standard bearer and the result must be a great satisfaction to all. Mr. Marshall and Mr. Galbraith are both men of outstanding ability, and what is more, honest, sincere and loyal to our interests. They know our needs as no other candidate in the field knows them. Every vote for these men is a vote for equal rights to all and removal of all unjust restrictions placed upon agricultural development by unscrupulous politicians playing into the hands of the vested interests. The placing of agriculture upon an equality with other industries will be the greatest factor in stimulating production and in that way enabling Canada to render her fullest measure of service in prosecuting the war to a successful conclusion.

We are the prime movers in a campaign for the political emancipation of the Canadian people and our future success depends largely upon our sincerity and devotion to those principles embodied in our programme and resolutions. If we shall succeed in lifting politics from its present sordid base of greed and graft and establishing it in the hands of the people as their sole instrument for the preservation of their rights, peace and prosperity we must conduct our campaign in accordance with those principles.

We are entering this contest with a clean record and the effort of every member should be to keep it so until the end. The

pre-election cigar should be buried together with all other corrupt practices, belonging to the old party system, and employed as inducements to gain political support.

If we succeed in educating electors to accept political problems on their merit and analyze them, independent of outside influence, and exercise their franchise as a duty they owe to themselves and their country, and not as a favor extended to a candidate or his supporters, our efforts shall not be in vain.

—CHARLES ENGLAND.
Blackie.

GET CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT

Editor, NON-PARTISAN:—

It has often been stated that Western Canada was a farmers' country and that the agriculturist, especially in the three Prairie Provinces, constituted the majority of the voters. If this is so, which I think it is, the future of the provinces depends on what we as farmers do to-day, whether we are intelligent enough and strong enough to lay the foundation for a future democracy, or whether we are careless and allow the capitalist and now governing class to arrange things to suit their own interests.

We must not forget that besides the farmers, who have come here to till the soil and make a home, there are another class who have followed with the purpose of getting what they can out of the farmers, and incidentally decide what kind of government the farmers shall have.

When I came here some ten years ago, I felt sure that I had come to a good country, with splendid soil and climate and I felt that in no other place of the earth would I have a better chance to make a comfortable living and a home, provided the people who come here to farm the farmer could be forced to keep their hands off. I felt, along with other settlers, that we were being skinned right and left, that we were made to pay unreasonable prices for everything we had to buy and getting little or nothing for whatever we had to sell. We also felt that after the government had enticed us to come here it cared absolutely nothing what became of us. Our appeals for railways, bridges, and any other thing badly needed, received no response. Of course it did not take us long to find out that the same people who held us up for everything we had to buy and gave us next to nothing for anything we had to sell, also controlled the Government. But in those early years we had no time for anything else but work. Our very existence depended on getting the prairie broken and getting a start, and when some of us succeeded it was owing to the great fertility of the soil, and in spite of all the obstacles thrown in our way. As soon as we could spare a few moments from the hard work of pioneering we came together and discussed our troubles. We organized and started our co-operative societies that have grown year by year until they are a mighty help to every farmer, both in buying and selling.

Still, with all the success, we have made in our economic associations we realize that the government is still in the hands of the enemy, and as long as the power to govern remains with the enemy of the

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E. E. SPARKS
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and Refused Nomination of
Liberals at Medicine Hat

producer, whether he be a farmer or industrial worker, there can be no hope of democracy. Whatever difference there exist between our two political parties, if any, it is a fact nevertheless that both represent the capitalist class, and are there solely for the purpose of seeing to it that the interest of that class is well taken care of. And just as long as the farmers and workers can be divided in two factions, divided up between the Conservative and Liberal party, all is safe. But the time has come to make a change. It is ridiculous to think that a community of farmers with identically the same interests, belonging to the same economic organization, should be arrayed against each other on election day. Either is one or the other party wrong or they are both wrong; there can be no other reasoning. But if those people who are interested in fleecing the farmer (all the traffic will bear) are running, upholding and financing the old parties, how in the name of common sense can the farmer unite with them on election day and expect to derive any benefit from such a union?

We who have joined the Nonpartisan Movement have come to realize that we as farmers have nothing in common with the class who dominate the old parties, that we can expect nothing but "hot air" from that source; hence we appeal to every farmer and working man in the land to unite with us to get control of the government so we may be able to make Canada what it should be—a good place to live in.

—JOHN GLAMBECK,
Milo, Alta.

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"It is often easier to destroy than to build up. Nevertheless, destruction is the first necessary step in all regeneration."

Life and Work

IMPERIAL TITLES AND THEIR MEANING.

Equal rights and opportunities for all in social, business and political life, has been a proud boast of Canadians. The spirit of the people of this Britain of the West has been democratic through and through. But a sinister institution of medieval European feudalism is being established in our midst, which threatens dissension among our people. The creation of a titled aristocracy, men with rank, privileges and immunities different from their fellow men, with all their insidious implications, gives good cause to Canadians to enquire from whence it comes, at whose request, with what powers, and whether it be a fit or desirable thing longer to enjoy our indulgence.

The Sovereign of Great Britain in council is the exclusive lawful fountain of all imperial honors and dignities. This is one of the royal prerogatives which is beyond any control of the Canadian parliament. Once conferred, the honor or dignity fountain of all imperial honors and dignities. This is one of the royal prerogatives which is beyond any control of the Canadian parliament. Once conferred, the honor or dignity can only be taken away by the Imperial parliament. Canada, in so far, is without control over the social and legal status of certain of the citizens.

Cut off by their position as subjects in a dependent dominion, from the manly dignity of full and equal status in a world state, these Canadians who tread the Imperial tight-rope, those who delight in government from above, those who hate government by the people, those who worship class, those who seek privileges not accorded to their neighbors, those who aim at a highly centralized financial and governmental empire, all these have looked with lavish pride upon the bestowal by our sovereign of imperial honors and dignities upon Canadians. And the official class and the Imperialists of Great Britain believe these gifts to be a cementing force of their greater empire.

These Imperialists, British and Canadian, know that in times past, the central power of our kingdom has used the titled class as an instrument of control over distant, or less closely bound, people. In 1111, King James I. instituted the dignity of baronet for these persons who should contribute to the expenses of the plantation of Ulster in Ireland.

The result was the monstrous landlord system and the consequent oppression, misery, strife and dissension the helpless cry of a people crushed. A still more important result of the scheme in Ireland was the effect of a plantation which was never Irish, either in blood, religion or spirit. It created a divided people who hate each other so bitterly that only the outbreak of the European war in 1914 prevented civil strife. Dissension has long left Ireland subject to external control.

They know that titled persons gravitate toward London, and become Imperial governors in spirit and habit of thought. They fortify the retention of exclusive power within Great Britain, and, therefore, keep Canadians unequal and undeveloped in world affairs. Centralized and uncontrolled power of government and wealth is their constant text. They would restrict franchises, abolish elections, control parliaments, stifle discussion, censure all information, make the nations' policies in secret, and dominate all resources in order that they may be allowed to carry on in their own way, to their own advantage, without any responsibility or accounting to the people governed. Royal honors and dignities descending upon these suppliants, create in the minds of the honored, a serenity of mind which begets an easy tolerance of the unequal position of Canada, and also a life-long adulation of the power which conferred the privilege. They lean against, rather than with, their fellows, in the vital matters of this country. Few, indeed, are the Canadians Imperially honored who are not members or exponents of the wealthy class.

Thanks to this program. Canada now has viscounts, barons, baronets and knights thrust into its life. Their social and political influence constitute their chief power and objection. But they also have certain privileges and immunities, depending on their rank. Any person who is a viscount or baron is said to be ennobled in blood, and is a member of the British House of Lords. The privileges and immunities peculiar to these nobles include: first, the right to trial by nobility if charged with treason or felony. This means the right to have criminal proceedings removed from the court in which the indictment is found, to the full parliament of Great Britain, if parliament is sitting, and to the Court of the Lord High Steward if parlia-

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ment is not sitting. The right, according to some authorities, cannot be waived.

Second, upon their trials they testify upon protestation of honor only, and not under oath.

Third, no peer can be deprived of peerage, except by the Act of the Parliament of Great Britain.

Fourth, a peer is at all times free from arrest in civil cases, and process for contempt of court cannot, it seems, be served against him. While parliament is sitting, and within a prescribed time before and after, no peer may be imprisoned or restrained without the order or sentence of the House of Lords, unless it be for treason, felony or refusing to give security for the peace.

Fifth—Free speech within the limits of the House.

A baronet does not have noble blood, or sit in parliament. He ranks before knights, except Knights of the Bath, and may use the prefix sir. Knighthood is an order of chivalry, recognizable in every part of the King's dominions. It carries the right to use the prefix sir, and to rank before untitled persons.

This titled aristocracy has long since ceased to be of any service to the countries in which it was established in Europe. The form through which the autocratic, imperialistic class ideal of an old and now meaningless and dead social order, expressed itself, has stood, and still stands, as a bar to the development of democratic institutions. It cannot possibly reflect the life, or serve the aspirations of our people. Those in Canada, who, by their self-denial, by their toil and devotion, are striving to make this country a place in which all Canadians may bear themselves freely and proudly in the full pursuit of happiness, and the realization of the ideals of a true commonwealth standing four square to all the world, on the principle of a fair deal and equal rights to all,

these people now demand that the campaign of titles forever cease.

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THERE WILL BE NO AMERICAN HYMN OF HATE

We all know Lissauer's Hymn of Hate. It is not at all surprising that some individual German should compose a hymn of hate. Bigots are to be found in every country, and unusual conditions push them into the limelight. What is surprising is the decoration which Lissauer received from the Imperial German Government for his rhetorical curses in German meter—the German of Goethe and Lessing. There is also a report that Lissauer repented of his effort, and asked for the forgiveness of the civilized world for a thought born of his brain in a passing moment of frenzy. We do not know how true this is, but we hope the report can be confirmed. There is, however, no report that he was stripped of the high order of the Red Eagle of the Second Class given him by his majesty, the Kaiser.

There will be no American Hymn of Hate. We have more urgent duties than to imitate Herr Lissauer. No. We shall not soil the language we speak with a hymn of hate. Every effort will be directed toward helping our country, thereby leaving us no time for hatred of other countries.

That does not mean, however, that we shall wink at violations of civilized law, or hush up reports of brutalities in order to spare the feelings of our friends, exceedingly difficult as it is to cause pain to friends.

Nor does it mean that a policy of suppression and silence will be favored on questions, the discussion of which might alienate the support of those more or less in sympathy with the central empires. But the main object of the platform in these

arduous times will be to encourage clear and courageous thinking on the great issues of the day, which is impossible where there is the blindness of hatred. It is a duty to hate the cruel, the unjust and the villainous, but to hate a people, a whole nation, indiscriminately, and to wish their destruction shows a frightful state of mind.

I request my people to help me speak the truth without fear or hate. If I should be tempted to make a single statement contrary to the evidence it will be your duty to show me my mistake, and I promise to make a public retraction of it immediately. I herewith place myself, the platform and the Society, I hope with your cheerful assent, at the command of the country—we love, the country in whose arms many of us were born, and in whose embrace thousands of others, from less happy lands, have found a better asylum from oppression and a surer fortress of freedom than older countries could offer. Let us answer Lissauer's Hymn of Hate with an American Hymn of Hope.

But to sing a hymn of hope for ourselves and for the world in this dark hour of death and desolation, there must be unity, loyalty and energetic co-operation on the part of every man and woman who is not ashamed of being an American. The most dangerous foe of our country is not the Teuton, nor the Turk, but the pro-Teuton and Turk American. Rationalists! prove yourselves indispensable to the cause of America. Make the world unsafe for political as well as religious autocracy.

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THE CONCEPTION OF THE BALLOT AS A DUTY.

When the War Times Election Act was passed, one heard much argument and some quibble as to whether the franchise was a right or a privilege. This nice distinction may have been important from a legal or technical approach, but a far more vital conception of the ballot, and one of overwhelming importance at this time of crisis and stress in our history is the understanding of the franchise as a duty.

This conception of the vote as a duty has three aspects. In the first place, it demands the registration of everyone's judgment at the polls on the candidates and issues coming before them. Apathy, neutrality, indifference, indecision, these are all the negatives which make, not for, but against, strong, responsible, democratic government. The ballot is the only means by which each citizen can make his voice heard for or against the things he believes to be right or not right. Staying away from the polls is not indicative of the kind of citizenship which will build a great, free country, and it should be made a matter of law that a person who refuses to exercise this cardinal right should have it taken from him.

One must vote! One must vote intelligently. This is the second aspect of the conception of the vote as a duty. To vote intelligently requires, not a personal liking for a particular party candidate, nor even for his platform, but a careful consideration of the candidates and platforms put forth by every contesting element. News items, news comments, editorially and other wise (usually viciously partisan), which play such a large part in moulding the opinion of the ordinary voter at election time, should never form the basis for the true judgment of issues to the intelligent citizen. He must arrive at his decision through an impartial study of the facts, and after a personal hearing has been given all candidates. Such a procedure requires time, patience and some sacrifice. If the ballot does not imply this, if it is not worth this sacrifice, there is little hope of building on it, to a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

Thirdly, the ballot must be exercised responsibly and conscientiously. That is, every man and every woman must hold his vote as a primary and sacred trust. They must stand four-square against

all quarters of insidious influence. The clique of honey-mouthed politicians, suggestively fingering the coins in their pockets, must be discredited and broken, if we would rid our political life of the rottenness and scandal which is notorious not only to ourselves, but to the world as well, and which reflects upon our national life and institutions. Bought votes, and packed votes have been, and will be, indeed, the recent elections Act governmentally and officially sponsors "packing," by allowing a soldier to conveniently forget his constituency, or never to have had any, until a dominion-wide propaganda is undertaken to rouse our people to the significance and meaning of the ballot as the cornerstone of democracy.

At the coming election, a million women who have sent husbands, sons and brothers to fight for this democracy, and 400,000 soldiers who are daily sacrificing all for it on the fields of Flanders, together with the thousands working and hoping for it in Canada, will register their judgment on the tremendous issues before the nation.

If they all vote, vote intelligently, and vote conscientiously, that will be a fine strong push, here in Canada, for Democracy.

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UNPATRIOTIC ?

Congressman Jeanette Rankin of Montana, says:—"It is unpatriotic for labor to strike without due cause, but it is equally unpatriotic for capital to take advantage of labor—to ask labor to bear all the sacrifice because we are at war."

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OPEN LETTER TO THE GREAT WAR VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

Friends:—

I write you at this time on behalf of my three young brothers in France, two on the firing line and the other one in hospital, shot through the thighs. I do not consider I would be doing my duty toward them nor merit the approval of their mother (were she on earth) if I did not do all in my power to protect their interests and their future at this time when they are where they cannot realize the significance of the issues in the forthcoming Dominion election. Your Association I understand has taken the stand that you will not officially appear in politics. This policy certainly suits the vested interests.

The agitation for conscription of wealth is reasonable, but is not and will not be enforced. To begin with you will remember that Sir Herbert Ames was the head of the Patriotic Fund (also head of Ames-Holden boot and shoe Company, which made boots for soldiers at the beginning of the war.) The connection between the Fund and the Manufacturers' Association is quite apparent. I have held, and the conviction remains that the organization of the Patriotic Fund was only a move by the manufacturers to side-step an income tax. An increase of separation allowance eliminates the necessity of such a Fund which never should have been promoted.

Now we are to have what the manufacturers and banking interests wish to call a win-the-war government. I ask you in all seriousness could any government, I mean any set or collection of men, be elected to Ottawa who would not do their utmost to reinforce the boys at the Front,—my own brothers,—if you will? It's absolutely all rot to hold up any dozen men (all capitalists) in Canada as the only outfit who can win-the-war. It would be ridiculous, laughable and humorous were it not so significant.

Soldier boys, when you left England you thought you were through fighting for Liberty. You have only just begun. Everyone of the proposed Cabinet is connected up with the Financial Interests of Eastern Canada interlocking between Banks, Railways, Milling Companies, Insurance and Trust Companies. And they insist on being in control when the war ends. Why? To fight the Veterans and their friends who will demand that although wealth was not conscripted, wealth must pay the cost of the war, for if wealth does not, who will? The veterans will also demand equal pensions. If an income tax is not levied, who is to pay your pensions? Tom Tweedie in his address here last spring predicted gloomily that the day of Direct Taxation was approaching. Glory be,—and why not? The financial interests have been opposing evolution in that direction for years and if this Unionist-win-the-war set of Profiteers is elected, they will have held that momentous occasion off another five years.

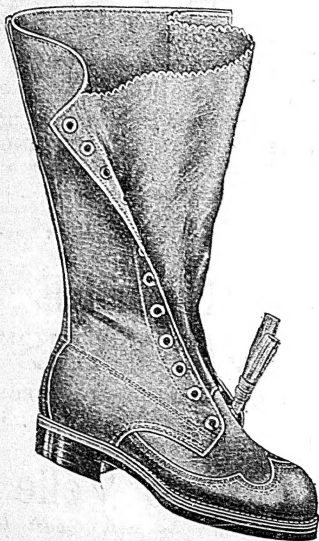
If you are going to sit in apathy, letting well-enough alone, while doing so just think "It's for five long years"—and at the end of that time the Interests expect you to forget. Another Wave-the-Flag stunt will be served for your approval, then, as was pulled five years ago, "No truck or trade with the Yankees."

If you have any good feeling for your chums in the trenches, if you wish to "Do unto others as they would do for you" for the love of Mike, Pat, Joe, Jack, Dick and Tommy—write to them to-day, telling them just why you are supporting the Non-Partisan Candidate in your electoral district. Just mention in passing, Borden, Boots, Bandages, Binoculars, and don't forget Bacon—with Flavelle relish.

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